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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (a) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 28, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/696,882
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	First Named Inventor	Wandersleben et al.
	Group Art Unit	2174
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
  - ☒ Previously submitted
    - ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 15, 2003  
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
    - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ Enclosed
    - ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☒ Other Petition for one (1) month Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)
- Miscellaneous
  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Fees
 

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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☒ Extension of time fee if required and not otherwise submitted (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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